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THE FIRST AND SECOND MONDAYS IN DECEMBER

Congressman Clifton S. McArthur of Oregon is the author of two proposed amendments to the constitution recently introduced in the house of representatives. Both aim to reduce the time which now elapses between the election of the president and the date upon which they take their oaths of office and enter upon the discharge of their duties. As the constitution and the laws now provide, the president assumes control of the executive branch of the government on March 4, four months after the people have elected him chief executive. Senators and congressmen are compelled to wait until the first Monday in December of the following year, a delay of 11 months, before they are able to participate in national legislation, unless the president in the meantime sees fit to call a special session of congress.

"No other civilized country," declares Mr. McArthur, "tolerates the grotesque conditions which surround the election and inauguration of the president of the United States and the election and qualification of representatives and senators. As objections to our present system, he charges that often legislative and executive authority are permitted to remain in the hands of political parties and individuals who have been discredited at the most recent elections. The period of depression and uncertainty between the elections and the time when the victorious party assumes control of national affairs should be prevented. As an instance of the harm which may come to the country as a result of these long delays, Mr. McArthur cites the vacillating policy of President Buchanan following Lincoln's first election. "Had Lincoln been able to take his seat in December

ALL YAP AND NO YAP

When President Wilson returned from the Paris peace conference he informed the senate foreign relations committee that the United States was to receive as its share of the spoils of war the island of Yap in the Pacific ocean. While billions of dollars indemnity and thousands of square miles of territory were being divided up among the allies, Mr. Wilson was struggling for the adoption of his league of nations, quite oblivious to any material interest the United States might have in the peace settlement. He did find time, however, to lay claim to Yap, it being an important point in the line of cable communication between our Pacific coast and the Philippines.

Now it transpires that Japan has

CHINA SLIPS IN OVER GREECE

but if Austria becomes a part of Germany then the question will be whether the new state remains in the league by virtue of Austria's membership or stays out because Germany is not a member.

ENTER AUSTRIA

CHINA SLIPS IN OVER GREECE By action of the assembly of the league of nations, Greece has given way to China as a member of the league council. Which is not likely to increase the chance of obtaining

A BADGE FOR BARNEY

Bernard M. Baruch has been awarded a distinguished service medal for his services as chairman of the war industries board. No less distinguished were his services in behalf of the league of nations, and it would be peculiarly fitting for

U. S. NAVY MEN BEST FED IN WORLD, CLAIM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The American navy is the best fed body of men in the world, according to Samuel McGowan, permanent general. Rear Admiral McGowan makes this claim in his annual report which

the gentlemen now assembled at Geneva to recognize his work with a suitable decoration. A dainty design in red, white and blue enamel, featuring the American flag with the union down, was suggested.

was made public last night. Conditions on battleships and in other branches of the navy are better than they have ever been in the past, says the report. New stocks of provisions are now being acquired to meet next year's needs.

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REVENUE AGENTS RAID EIGHT WHISKEY STILL

(By Associated Press)

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 29.—Raids upon moonshine stills in the mountains of Kentucky have become bloodless, according to government agents who recently conducted one of the most important raids made in years.

Whether the "shooting eye" of the mountaineer or the secret service agent has become dimmed or whether the desire for less killing has reached into the far mountain recesses is a disputed point, but the fact remains that 12 revenue agents raided and destroyed eight large stills in Whitley county, fired numerous shots, were fired at numerous times, but so far as is known, not a casualty was recorded.

Standing in clumps of sparse shrubbery on the tops of knobs along Laurel fork in Whitley county, sentries posted apparently by moonshiners watched the operations of federal prohibition officers during the recent sensational raid in the "South America" section of Whitley county, according to members of the party. The raiders from the office of Chief Field Deputy U. S. G. McFarland were reticent about the battle reported to have raged about the stills. "There wasn't a thing to it," they were unanimous in saying. "We just went in there and destroyed eight stills. There were a lot of shots fired but how many of them were fired at us we don't know. That was all there was to it."

The raiders from the local office were Steve Cornet and Charles Winfrey, who were the leaders of the raid; J. H. Reynolds and Joe Cavanaugh. They were accompanied by Sheriff Renfro of Whitley county and seven deputies.

Steve Cornet, after some persuasion, told of the raid. "We left Williamsburg on the morning of December 3 and went via Holden, Tennessee, the nearest railroad point, into the section of Whitley county known to the natives as 'South America,'" he said. "We hunted there for stills in the hollows of Laurel fork and Olean ford, sources of the Cumberland river. We destroyed eight stills in all."

"The first still destroyed was one owned by DeWitt Gibson. We arrested the three Gibson boys without any trouble. They were at their home. The next still we believe belonged to a man named Williams. The next two destroyed were owned by persons whose names we could not ascertain. We had no trouble the first day, although quite a number of shots were fired in the distance. I could not say positively that the shots were fired at us, but think it possible they were signals to warn the countryside that raiders were about. We could see men standing on the top of knobs where they could see the road winding around the banks of Laurel fork, which I believe is the crookedest stream in the world. Sometimes it is hard to tell which way it runs."

"The second day we continued the search along the Laurel fork. It was at this time that the nearest to any real trouble occurred. We left an old man named Parsons and another man to guard the mouth of a hollow while we searched it. Just after we left the guards, a mountaineer popped out from behind a tree, fired several shots at the guards with a pistol and ran."

"We gave chase, firing as we ran. The man fell, but when we searched we could find no trace of him. This led to one of the amusing incidents of the trip. During the chase we found two stills of which we had no inkling. The man led my party directly to an eighty-gallon still which we destroyed. Another section of the party found the second still on the opposite side of the hill from that down which the fugitive ran. We did not find out who owned either still."

"We then went up a hollow where we found another still. This was a rough hollow, and we had to climb over boulders and hand on to trees to get to the still. We then started in the opposite direction. Two miles down another rough hollow we found the last still destroyed."

"A lot of shots were fired on the second day by both natives and ourselves, but nobody was hurt."

Mr. Cornet could not say how much whiskey or beer was destroyed. The prisoners taken by the raiders were taken to Pineville and warrants sworn out for a number of other men. The warrants were left in the hands of Sheriff Renfro and his men for service.

(By Associated Press)

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 29.—University of California women are to have an organized rooting section at the game at Pasadena, California, next Saturday, in which California meets Ohio State university. About 500 women are expected to sit in their rooting section. The men's rooting section will adjourn the women's seats.

WOMEN TO ORGANIZE A ROOTING SECTION

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